

## Interview Summary

Application No.  
**09/323,206**

Applicant(s)  
**Bandy et al**

Examiner  
**James W. Myhre**

Art Unit  
**3622**

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James W. Myhre

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(2) Robert Sokohl

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Date of Interview Jul 21, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic      b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes      e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 104

Identification of prior art discussed:  
Walter et al (5,856,788)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The Applicant Representative (AR) discussed how the reference failed to disclose time slot contention and the use of a plurality of bits. The Examiner noted how he viewed the reference's resolution of contention between a plurality of tags during each time slot read. After further discussion it was agreed that the AR would amend the claim to better clarify the definition of "time slot contention" as used in the claims. Also discussed was how the reference could not use a plurality of bits as argued by the Examiner during the final rejection without completely overhauling the algorithm used by Walter. The Examiner agreed that based on this discussion the use of a plurality of bits was not obvious.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

**JAMES W. MYHRE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER  
ART UNIT 3622**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required